

## **Town of Arlington**

### **Transportation Advisory Committee**

Minutes of 6/11/14, 7:15 pm to 9:30 pm, Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

**Members and Associates Present:** Wayne Chouinard, Jean Clark, John Hurd, Marjorie Moores, Corey Rateau, Jeanette Rebecchi, Victor Rivas, Richard Turcotte, Laura Wiener

**Missing Members and Associates:** Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Scott Smith,

**Members of the Public Present:** Cary Conrad, Una Kelley (207 Lowell), Kristen Reed (15 Westminster Ave., Lexington), Sue Doctrow (99 Westminster), Owen Callaghan (4 Westmoreland), Andrea Canty (3 Westmoreland), Persis Levy (7 Westmoreland).

1. Lowell Street. Persis Levy spoke about neighborhood concerns regarding traffic speeds and pedestrian safety on Lowell St. Cars don't yield at crosswalks due to short visibility, and often going too fast to stop for pedestrians. Visibility signs promised in December. Rich suggested that TAC reconstitute the Lowell Street Working Group to look at old commitments and new requests. Owen asked if the crosswalk could be repainted before the Res opens, and a new one added at Westmoreland. Wayne responded that DPW would upgrade faded signs, repaint crosswalks as soon as possible. Future improvements would be advance warning signs, speed limit advisory sign, and "Thickly Settled" sign. Andrea asked if they could get more flags at West Court. Request for bollard in crosswalk. Wayne suggested we follow up with what we've promised and then monitor it. Persis suggested that the group will touch base again in September through Rich.
2. Administration.
  - a. Minutes of 5/14/14 meeting were approved unanimously.
  - b. Correspondence and handouts were reviewed.
  - c. Town Reports. Laura reported that The Parking Study recommendations will go to the Selectmen in July. The Library Director is interested in metering in the Library lot because lack of parking is a major deterrent for Library users. Wayne delivered his staff report. Corey and Wayne met to discuss crosswalk at Dunkin Donuts at Appleton. Wayne reported that VHB is doing a Pavement Management plan for the Town, including surveying curbs, ramps and sidewalks. This is a plan for budgeting purposes, but additional funding will need to be identified.
3. Town Day. Voted unanimously, \$25.00 for Town Day booth. Scott will get permit.
4. Jason Street. Neighbors are doing a survey re. roundabout in front of Menotomy Rocks Park and will report results to TAC. Initial recommendations will go to Selectmen later in June. Wayne is looking at signs in area to replace where needed.
5. Mill Street Flashing Beacon. Wayne reported that new solar panels are installed and seem to be working well. Work is almost complete.
6. Jason/Mass./Mill St. Work on signage and reducing the island is underway. Signal controller changes have not yet been scheduled.
7. Parking Schedules. Corey is presently updating, and will be posted on the town website.
8. Safe Routes to Schools. Marjorie noted that we need all the groups to report on whether the routes are accurate. Stratton School needs attention and follow-up. Need to add a disclaimer to each map that the routes are not perfectly safe.
9. Master Plan. Laura discussed Master Plan process for Transportation, and reviewed draft recommendations developed by the Master Plan Advisory Committee Land Use and Transportation Working Group. Suggestions included: Identify streets with interruptions in sidewalks, identify private ways in need of sidewalks. Jeanette suggested adding a recommendation about bikes and the bike network, bike safety and education, for drivers and bikers, and possibly adding Hubway (bike sharing) in Arlington.
10. Mystic Valley Parkway. Rich will send letter to Adam Chapdelaine for review.
11. Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for June: Agenda 6/11/14; Minutes of 5/14/14; Project List dated 6/11/2014; Individual Action List from 6/11/14;
- Memo from TAC to Board of Selectmen, Re. Lake Street Signs--Board of Selectmen Ltr. Dated 04/15/14
- Email from Joseph Curro to Marie Krepelka, Re. Trucks on Cleveland Street, dated May 5, 2014
- Email from Richard Turcotte to Juan Ramos, Re. Danger Islands on Summer Street-a proposal for the TAC, dated June 1, 2014.
- "Transportation Preliminary Recommendations, 1<sup>st</sup> Draft, from Working Group Meeting of 5/21/14"
- Memo to Arlington TAC from Concerned Arlington (and Lexington) residents who cross Lowell Street daily, dated June 6, 2014
- Memo to TAC from Wayne Chouinard, Re. TAC Update Items, dated June 11, 2014